



Author Spotlight Patricia Cornwell

New York Times bestselling novelist Patricia Daniels Cornwell is the only woman in the United States to receive England's coveted Gold Dagger, widely considered to be the most prestigious crime-writing award in the world.

Patricia Carroll Daniels was born on June 9, 1956, in Miami. Her father, Sam Daniels, was a lawyer. Her mother, Marilyn "Pat" Daniels was a secretary. Patricia was the second child of three; she has a younger brother and an older brother. When she was five years old, Patricia's parents' marriage began to come apart. Two years later, her mother moved, with the three kids, to Montreat, North Carolina. Patricia ended up living two miles down the road from Ruth Bell Graham and her husband, evangelist Billy Graham. Ruth would eventually become a friend and mentor to Patricia, being one of the first people to encourage her to write.

In high school, Patricia played No. 3 singles on the (men's) tennis team and was undefeated. After graduation, she attended King College and shortly thereafter transferred to Davidson College on a tennis scholarship. She eventually gave up the tennis scholarship and worked several jobs to pay for her education.

In 1979, after graduating from college, Patricia began her writing career with the Charlotte Observer. She worked as a journalistic factotum, features writer and, eventually, a police reporter. It was her crime reporting/writing which earned her several awards. In 1980, she married Charles Cornwell, an English professor 17 years her senior. He decided to quit his job at Davidson College in order to pursue a degree in divinity. With some trepidation, Patricia moved to Richmond, Virginia with her husband. In 1983, she wrote a biography of her friend and mentor, Ruth Bell Graham (wife of evangelist Billy Graham). This earned her the Medallion Award.

In 1984, Patricia got a job at the Virginia medical examiner's office. She worked there for six years, first as a technical writer and then as a computer analyst. During her stay there, she witnessed hundreds of autopsies. Patricia also spent time as a volunteer police officer. In 1988, she decided that the life of a preacher's wife was not for her, and she and her husband amicably divorced a year later.

In 1990, after several rejections, Patricia's first crime novel *Postmortem* was published. It received rave reviews and many awards. It is the only novel in history to win the Edgar, Macavity, Dagger and Anthony awards in one year. Patricia was the first American to ever win the French Prix du Roman D'Aventure award.

Patricia has gone on to write many more books. Her most popular series features Kay Scarpetta, a chief medical examiner. She currently spends her time in Richmond, Virginia and New York. She supports several institutions that are concerned with forensic research, victims' support, and animal rescue.

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Books by Patricia Cornwell

Kay Scarpetta Novels

<i>Postmortem</i>	<i>Cause of Death</i>	<i>The Last Precinct</i>
<i>Body of Evidence</i>	<i>Hornet's Nest</i>	<i>Blow Fly</i>
<i>All That Remains</i>	<i>Unnatural Exposure</i>	<i>Trace</i>
<i>Cruel & Unusual</i>	<i>Point of Origin</i>	<i>Predator</i>
<i>The Body Farm</i>	<i>Southern Cross</i>	
<i>From Potter's Field</i>	<i>Black Notice</i>	

Series with Judy Hammer, Andy Brazil and Virginia West

<i>Hornet's Nest</i>	<i>Southern Cross</i>	<i>Isle of Dogs</i>
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Other Books

An Uncommon Friend: The Authorized Biography of Ruth Bell Graham
Ruth, A Portrait: The Story of Ruth Bell Graham
Scarpetta's Winter Table
Life's Little Fable
Food to Die For: Secrets from Kay Scarpetta's Kitchen
Portrait of a Killer: Jack the Ripper - Case Closed
At Risk

If you like Patricia Cornwell's Books, try some of these!

Forensic Anthropologists

Anil's Ghost – Michael Ondaatje
Relic – Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child
Good Blood (and other novels featuring Gideon Oliver) – Aaron Elkins
The PMS Outlaws (and other novels featuring Elizabeth MacPherson) – Sharyn McCrumb
Monday Mourning (and other novels featuring Temperance Brennan) – Kathy Reichs

Forensic and Physical Archaeologists, Geologists and Historians

Earth Colors (and other novels featuring Em Hansen) – Sarah Andrews
The Armada Boy (and other novels in the Wesley Peterson series) – Kate Ellis
Bone Walker (and others in the Anasazi mystery series featuring Maureen Cole) – Kathleen O'Neal Gear and Michael Gear
Simon Said (and other novels featuring Simon Shaw) – Sarah R. Shaber

Forensic Artists and Photographers

Body Language (and other novels featuring Alexandra Rafferty) – James W. Hall
Touching Evil – Kay Hooper
Blind Alley (and other novels featuring Eve Duncan) – Iris Johansen
Out of Nowhere – Doris Mortman

Forensic Pathologists, Medical Examiners, and Coroners

Chromosome 6; Vector; Marker – Robin Cook
Body Double; The Sinner – Tess Gerritsen
Deadly Exposure (and other novels featuring Joanna Blalock) – Leonard Goldberg
First to Die; Third Degree – James Patterson
Chain of Evidence – Ridley Pearson
Night Prey – John Sandford
Haunted Ground; Lake of Sorrows – Erin Heart
Silent Witness – Nigel McCrery
A Faint Cold Fear (and other novels featuring Sara Linton) – Karin Slaughter

Forensic Psychologists, Psychiatrists and Profilers

Dark Eye – William Bernhardt
Hello, Darkness – Sandra Brown
Death Match – Lincoln Child
The Red Room – Nicci French
Killjoy – Julie Garwood
Out of the Shadows – Kay Hooper
Therapy (and other novels featuring Alex Delaware) – Jonathan Kellerman
The Last Temptation – Val McDermid
Big Bad Wolf; Jack and Jill – James Patterson
The Body of David Hayes (and other novels featuring Daphne Matthews) – Ridley Pearson
Pursuit – Thomas Perry
The Best Revenge (and other novels featuring Alan Gregory) – Stephen Walsh White
Architect (and other novels featuring Frank Clevenger) – Keith Ablow
Eyes – Joseph Glass
At the Stroke of Madness (and other novels featuring Maggie O'Dell) – Alex Kava
The Last Blue Plate Special – Abigail Padgett
Suspect – Michael Robotham
A Flush of Shadows (and other novels featuring Constance Leidl) – Kate Wilhelm

Other Forensic Specialists

The Vanished Man (and other novels featuring Lincoln Rhyme) – Jeffery Deaver
The Killing Hour (and other novels featuring Kimberly Quincy) – Lisa Gardner
Blood Memory – Greg Iles
Firestorm – Iris Johansen
The Colorado Kid – Stephen King

Chain of Custody – Harry Levy
Darkly Dreaming Dexter – Jeffrey Lindsay
Burn Factor – Kyle Mills
With No One as Witness (and other Inspector Lynley novels featuring Simon St. James and Helen Clyde) – Elizabeth George
Death of an Expert Witness – P.D. James

Forensic Detection in Historic or Futuristic Settings

The Alienist; Angel of Darkness (featuring Laszlo Kreizler, late 19th century) – Caleb Carr
Killing Time (featuring Gideon Wolfe in 2023) – Caleb Carr
The Widow's Tale (and other medieval mysteries featuring Sister Frevisse) – Margaret Frazer
Brother Cadfael's Penance (and other medieval mysteries featuring Brother Cadfael) – Ellis Peters

Additional Authors You May Enjoy

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Thomas H. Cook	Karen Kijewski	Michelle Spring
Janet Dawson	Marcia Muller	Steven Spruill
Linda Fairstein	Carol O'Connor	Marianne Wesson
Leslie Glass	Lillian O'Donnell	F. Paul Wilson
Christine Green	Peri O'Shaughnessy	
Tami Hoag	Michael Palmer	

Non-Fiction books about Forensics

Blood Evidence: How DNA is Revolutionizing How We Solve Crimes – Henry C. Lee – 614.1 Le
The Bone Lady: Life as a Forensic Anthropologist – Mary H. Manheim – 614.1 Ma
Bones: A Forensic Detective's Casebook – Douglas H. Ubelaker – 614.1 Ub
Dead Reckoning: The New Science of Catching Killers – Michael Baden – 363.239 Ba
Death's Acre: Inside the Legendary Forensic Lab the Body Farm Where the Dead Do Tell Tales – Bill Bass and Jon Jefferson – 614.1 Ma
Father of Forensics: The Groundbreaking Cases of Sir Bernard Spilsbury, and the Modern Beginnings of CSI – Colin Evans – 614.1 Sp
Forensic Detective: How I Cracked the World's Toughest Cases – Robert W. Mann – 614.17 Ma
The Forensic Science of CSI – Katherine Ramsland – 363.25 Ra
Hidden Evidence: 40 True Crimes and How Forensic Science Helped Solve Them – David Owen – 363.25 Ow
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